BILL: **S2016-SB8**

TITLE: **SGA Finance Committee Policies**

SPONSOR: **Karina Toy, President**

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Whereas the Student Government Association Finance Committee (SGAFC) has traditionally used a set of "guidelines" approved by the SGA Senate to make their funding decisions,

Whereas the word "guidelines" gives too much opportunity for exceptions to be made,

Whereas greater specificity in policies can improve discourse between student organizations and the SGAFC,

Whereas it can be challenging to say no to items your peers are passionate about,

Whereas the inclusion of items outside of SGAFC's policies on budget applications can influence the committee's decision on the legitimately requested items,

Whereas the SGAFC would like to encourage more on-campus competitions,

Whereas the guidelines state that the SGAFC will not fund capital expenditures,

Whereas the term, "capital expenditures" has never been defined,

Therefore, let it be enacted…

That, the SGA Finance Committee Guidelines be changed to SGA Finance Committee Policies.

That, the Finance Committee Chair has the right to strike line items that do not adhere to the SGA Finance Committee Policies from any budget before it is presented in front of the Finance Committee. If the Chair chooses to do so, they will inform the organization of the item and reasoning. The organization then has the right to bring up this item during their meeting, if they feel the cut was unfairly made.

That, the following policy be added to the SGA Finance Committee Policies:

> The SGA Finance Committee will not fund more than 8 weekends of competitions per season. Weekends that include several different instances of competition will only count for 1 of these 8. If you wish to participate in more than 8 weekends of competition per season, you may fundraise or use money from your gift account.

That, the following definition be added to the SGA Finance Committee Policies:

> The SGA Finance Committee will no longer fund any capital expenditures. To make an exception to this rule, SGAFC Chair must obtain permission from the Senate in advance.

Approval from the Senate requires a majority rule vote. Only at that point may the SGAFC proceed in their standard process of appraising and deciding upon the capital expenditure line item. A capital expenditure is any item that is durable (not consumable) and costs over $1,000 per unit. If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the SGAFC Chair before submitting your budget proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Benscheidt, Chair of the Finance Committee

Karina Toy, SGA President

Vote Count

In favor: President Toy, Senator Lantigua, Senator Cohen (proxy), Senator Pustejovsky, Senator Wilson, Senator Waddell, Senator Duran, Senator Fisher, Senator Aaron, Senator Goldfield, Senator Hayes, Senator Ou, Senator Wright, Senator McCormick, Senator Andrews, Senator McCarthy, Co-Chair Sanderson

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

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